

RESOURCES

Organizations that can help:

- Illinois State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) 1-800-548-9034
- Medicare: 1-800-MEDICARE (633-4227)
- Social Security Administration: 1-800-772-1213

Have the following information with you when you call:

- Medicare identification number (on your Medicare card)
- Drugs you currently take, the dosage and what you pay for them
- Your refill schedule and preferred method of receiving prescriptions (at the pharmacy or via mail-order)
- Your annual income, and a basic accounting of your personal assets in case you qualify for low-income assistance

Extra assistance for people with limited incomes:

Help with paying for Medicare drug plans is available for people with limited incomes. You may qualify for this assistance if:

Your 2005 income is less than \$14,356 for an individual / \$19,245 for couples and you have limited assets.

If you think you should be in this category, you should call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 or visit them online at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov> for more information.

Illinois Cares Rx: Illinois Cares Rx offers supplemental coverage to help cover costs that are not included under the new Medicare prescription drug plans. Effective January 1, 2006, Illinois Cares Rx will cover people who were previously enrolled in either the SeniorCare drug program or the Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistance program.

Illinois Department of Aging Senior HelpLine: 1-800-252-8966

Informational Web Sites:

- Medicare: <http://www.medicare.gov>
- Social Security: <http://www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp>
- Illinois: www.illinoisbenefits.org

Which is the Right Plan for Me?

Here is a list of Chicago-based organizations you can call to get the help you need to make the decision that is best for you.

City of Chicago Department on Aging

Call to (312) 744-4016 to receive information about the services offered by the Chicago Department on Aging. Central Information and Assistance is located in City Hall with five community locations in each regional senior center. Call the Senior Center nearest you to set up an appointment to help decide what plan is right.

- Northeast (Levy) Senior Center
2019 W. Lawrence Avenue
(312) 744-0784/(TTY) 744-0320
- Northwest (Copernicus) Senior Center
3160 N. Milwaukee Avenue
(312) 744-6681/(TTY) 744-0321
- Chicago Department on Aging Portage Park Senior Satellite Center
4100 N. Long Chicago, IL 60641
(312)744-9022